



CITY OF ARCHDALE

CITY COUNCIL

MEETING DATE: Tuesday March 22, 2022

SUBJECT: Public Hearing: Resolution Authorizing the City of Archdale to Apply for a Building Reuse Grant for Aeolus Filter Corporation (Project Filter).

RECOMMENDATIONS OR COMMENTS: In 2019, the City of Archdale applied for a Building Reuse Grant on behalf of Aeolus Filter Corporation, located at 4010 Cheyenne Drive. The application was successful, and Aeolus was able to make renovations to their facilities allowing for new equipment, improved processes, and the hiring of 11+ employees. This grant was finalized in August 2021.

Aeolus has seen continued growth and plans for further expansion. A new Building Reuse Grant application is being sought to assist with investments exceeding \$2.2M for machinery/equipment and facility renovations. The project would retain 32 jobs. Additionally, this expansion would create 17 new jobs with an average wage of \$41,824.

The NC Department of Commerce offers grants for businesses seeking to rehabilitate existing buildings based on the investments proposed and how many new employees are added. The proposed expansion meets the requirements of this grant program and Aeolus would be eligible for up to \$85,000 in grant funding.

Unlike prior applications, there is no local financial match requirement for this program.

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution.

SUMMARY OF ATTACHED INFORMATION: Proposed Resolution.

ATTACHMENTS: ☒ YES ☐ NO



**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ARCHDALE TO APPLY FOR A
BUILDING REUSE GRANT FOR THE AEOLUS FILTER CORPORATION ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Section 158-7.1 of the North Carolina General Statutes authorizes a city to undertake an economic development project by extending assistance to a company in order to cause the company to locate or expand its operations within the county; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly has authorized funds to be used for stimulating economic development and job creation; and

WHEREAS, Aeolus Filter Corporation ("Company") has stated its commitment to invest two million two hundred forty thousand dollars (\$2,240,000.00), including four hundred twenty thousand (\$420,000.00) in facility upgrades/renovations and one million eight hundred twenty thousand (\$1,820,000.00) to expand its operations at 4010 Cheyenne Drive , Archdale, Randolph County and to create seventeen (17) new full-time jobs with an average annual salary of forty-one thousand eight hundred twenty-four dollars (\$41,824.00) in Archdale; and

WHEREAS, the City of Archdale has been asked to file an application with the North Carolina Department of Commerce for a Building Reuse Grant on behalf of the Company; and

WHEREAS, said Grant is structured as a forgivable loan to be administered by the City; and

WHEREAS, in the event that the Company does not meet the requirements of the Grant, the City is responsible for ensuring that Grant funds are repaid; and

WHEREAS, the Company has agreed to secure the Grant funds through granting a deed of trust or similar financial instrument to the City; and

WHEREAS, the amount of the Grant that the Company is eligible for is up to eight-five thousand dollars (\$85,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the Archdale City Council has held a public hearing to consider whether to participate in this project by applying for the grant and administering the grant if awarded; and

WHEREAS, upon the completion by the Company of this expansion project, the Company will have expended two million two hundred forty thousand dollars (\$2,240,000.00), including four hundred twenty thousand (\$420,000.00) in facility upgrades/renovations and one million eight hundred twenty thousand (\$1,820,000.00) in machinery, and will have created a minimum of seventeen (17) new full-time jobs with an average annual salary of forty one thousand eight hundred twenty four (\$41,824.00) in Archdale; and

WHEREAS, this economic development project will stimulate and stabilize the local economy, promote business in the City, and result in the creation of a number of jobs in the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Archdale, this 22nd day of March, 2022, as follows:

The City is authorized to apply for a North Carolina Building Reuse Grant from the North Carolina Department of Commerce for the Aeolus Filter Corporation expansion project as detailed herein.

Lewis W. Dorsett, Mayor
City of Archdale

ATTEST:

Susan T. Swaim, Clerk
City of Archdale